

AMENDED CLAIMS MARKED UP TO SHOW ALL CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE  
PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

9. (Amended) A method, comprising:

- (a) providing a chamber;
- (b) creating a treatment zone within said chamber for applying a substance to a plurality of workpieces, said plurality of workpieces being selected from the group consisting of meat, poultry, other foodstuffs, and food packaging;
- (c) creating a first liquid barrier within said chamber downstream of said treatment zone; and
- (d) passing said plurality of workpieces through said treatment zone and above [or through] said first liquid barrier.

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